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### Thanks

... To those parents and staff who supported this week's discos (and to the School Council for doing such an amazing job and to Campbell Clarke for the music)

### People of the week

... Our Spelling Bee participants for their efforts this week.  
... Those children who entered exhibits in this week's art exhibition.  
... Our intrepid and highly talented group of home gardeners - good luck for the weekend!

### Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

28 November	Home garden judging
1 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 4.12)
2 December	Parent Helpers BoT Morning Tea
3 December	School Team Athletics Day
8 December	School prize-giving (6:30pm)
9 December	2016 class lists on display (hall notice board)
11 December	Reports issued / Final assembly (2:30pm)
14 December	Final school day 2015
... start date for 2016 will be Tuesday 2nd February	

### Virtue - Term 4

... recipients of awards for the RESPECT virtue will be announced next week.

### Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions

Children who qualified for the above events have received consent forms. If you have not yet done so, please get these back to school on Monday. This event will be held at the Whangarei Athletics Track. Jenny Wiegiersma has offered to co-ordinate our year 7 and 8 team and so please connect with Jenny on arrival. Children will need lunch, drink bottles, sunhats, Matarau T-shirts, and sunblock and spending money at your discretion.

### School Team Athletics Day - Thursday 3 December

You might like to drop by Thursday 3 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours (creativity encouraged). Thanks to Heatpump Professionals and Earl Tito Engineering who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.



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### Art Exhibition

Judges were mightily impressed with the quality of exhibits. We would like to leave these on display at school over the remaining weeks and so please drop by and take a look. Thank you to every exhibitor and to parents for supporting their efforts.

### Prizegiving

Please pencil in 8 December for prizegiving (pp 10.12)... getting underway 6:30 PM. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Helen a call next week.**

### Junior Readers

Please check at home (under beds, behind book cases etc) for junior readers and send these along to school next week. It is important that we have complete sets for 2016. So .. we are missing quite a few and so a thorough search at home would be really appreciated. If you think you might be able to help with our junior reader stock take places give Mrs Robertson a call next week.

### Leaving Books

Last week our Year 8 students received a book voucher to put towards a book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school by 1 December please to be officially presented at prizegiving.

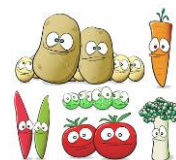
### Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Wednesday 2nd December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2015.

### Home Garden

A reminder that ...

- ... gardens will be judged tomorrow (28 November)
- ... properties will not be visited where a consent has not been returned
- ... judges request that you tie a balloon (or similar) at the end of your driveway
- ... all dogs to be tied up please.



Home Garden Judging Criteria ... is as follows ...

Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

### School contributions / Activity Fees

Please forward any outstanding fees to the school office next week.

If you have any questions about these please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Please pay at your nearest convenience.

### 2016 School Stationery

As for 2015, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz)



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete class stationery lists with unit prices. Again as for 2015, the school has passed on its reward points to families (who purchase online), gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (possibly still the only school in NZ that does this). Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process. If you do not have internet access please contact

Helen for a printed list.

### Classes for 2016

Class lists for 2016 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of Wednesday 9 December.

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

### Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

### Finally ...Korean language ... gauging interest

The school has been approached by the Korean Education Centre (attached to the Consulate of the Republic of South Korea) to see if we would be interested in providing Korean language instruction in our school. Children would be withdrawn from class for 2 or 3 hours per week (probably afternoons) and would (likely) be taught by someone conversant in both English and Korean (hopefully a qualified teacher). There would be no cost to parents. If interested, please contact Kevin (phone or email) next week. South Korea has one of the world's largest economies. The ability to speak Korean could be a huge advantage in the growing global economy. This is only a call for expressions of interest before we proceed with any firm plans.

**We have 7 expressions of interest so far but feel we need at least 6-8 more to make this viable,**

*(We are currently scoping ways to grow our provision of te reo and the board has voted funds for this purpose ... more to follow)*

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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## Community Notices

**Wanted to Rent** - 2-3bed Matarau and area, consider Kamo or Hikurangi. Around \$300 pw. Pref in early feb. But negotiable. Professional single mum with 3 kids. Ph Tina 022 630 0994 or katelynsway@hotmail.com

**For Rent** – Cosy country cottage in Ruatangata. 2 bedroom, can be part furnished. \$220 pw inc power. Ph Jenny 027 325 8617

**MYmovement** is running an open day on the Sunday 29th of November – 151 Dent Street, Whangarei. Come along & find out what MyMovement have to offer, \$2 for 20 minute MyBounce session, have a go on the Tumble & Trampoline Air Track, performances by the Fantasy Cheerleaders.

### Hopscotch For Kids After School Care

Based at Kensington Park, we transport kids to our centre after school. Daily activities for term 4 - tee ball, mini games, soccer, cooking and basketball. Open until 5.45pm. WINZ subsidies for those who qualify. For more info or to enrol, contact Abbey 0212372598 or email - hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz

**Matarau Tennis Club** - Please note the - AGM will now be held 6.00pm Monday 14 December 2015 (not 7/12/15 as listed last week) due to a clash with the Kamo High School prizegiving night.

### Hurupaki Educare pre Christmas/January 2016 Holiday Programme

We are opening pre Christmas on Monday 21st December for 3 days and again on Tuesday 5th January 2016 for 4 weeks. We are based in the Hurupaki School Hall. The programme is OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance - conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. Check schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contact Christin on 0274821331 more info.

**ArtBeat 2016** is a FREE community arts-based festival located in the heart of Whangarei city at Cafler Park on Saturday 30 January 2016, from 10am-4pm. Make sure you mark your calendar for the long weekend and bring all your family, visitors and a picnic blanket down and join us. You can spend the whole day being entertained with performances on stage, and throughout the park. Or get stuck in and take part in the interactive art zones where there will be FREE activities for the whole family, then indulge your taste buds with

a selection of international cuisine available to purchase. This is one of Whangarei's favourite festivals, make sure you are there. If you are keen to register for a stall to sell your work or cuisine contact [abbey@creativenorthland.com](mailto:abbey@creativenorthland.com) or drop in to our office at the Old Library, Rust Avenue.

**Cancer Society Northland - Christmas Fundraiser** A great opportunity to fundraise and engage with our community, we would love your support in building the festive spirit in Whangarei. We are there to help those that want to hide presents from prying eyes, have your gift wrapped at The Strand for a small donation. Where: Christmas Grotto in The Strand Arcade. (Whangarei). When: Monday 14th to Thursday 24th December 10-4 pm & late night Xmas Eve.

# Poroti Athletes Day Results

## Congratulations to all these children and to everyone who gave it their best effort!

<b>Year 4 Girls</b>		<b>Year 4 Boys</b>	
Jade Bean	3rd Equal - High Jump	Jayden Vercoe	3rd Place - 300 Mtr Sprint
Dana Gillette	1st Equal - High Jump	Jamie Brown	3rd Place - Long Jump
Paige Bennett	1st Equal - High Jump	Tawhai Lawrence	3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
Daniela Webster	1st Place - Discus	Asher O'Donnell	3rd Place - Shot Put
Melissa Hampshire	3rd Equal - High Jump		1st Place - High Jump
	2nd Place - Discus	Levi Swanson	2nd Place - Discus
Lexus Watson	3rd Place - Discus		1st Place - Shot Put
	2nd Place - Shot Put	Tokomauri Tito	2nd Place - 60 mtr Sprint
Ava Perkins	3rd Place - Shot Put		1st Place - 80mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - Long Jump		1st Place - Long Jump
Alex Henry	2nd Place - 60 mtr Sprint	Niko Fagalima-Robertson	3rd Place - Discus
	1st Place - Long Jump		3rd Place - High Jump
Esther Wiegersma	3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint		2nd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
	3rd Place - Long Jump		1st Place - 60 mtr Sprint
	1st Place 60 mtr Sprint		1st Place - 300 mtr Sprint
	1st Place 300 mtr Sprint	<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>		Connor Hegh	3rd Equal - Long Jump
Hannah Attwood	3rd Place - Shot Put	Harley Harwood	2nd Place - Long Jump
Jemimah Townley	3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint	Josiah Payne	3rd Equal - Long Jump
	2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint		1st Place - Discus
Nicole Fred	3rd Place - High Jump	Sage Going	2nd Place - High Jump
	1st Place - Shot Put		1st Place - Shot Put
Brooke Hay	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint	Rueben Barnes	2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
	3rd Place - 300 mtr Sprint		1st Place - 80 mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - High Jump	Kobi Reid	2nd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - Long Jump		1st Place - High Jump
Nicole Hampshire	3rd Place - Discus		1st Place - 100 mtr Sprint
	1st Place - High Jump		1st Place - 300 mtr Sprint
	1st Place - Long Jump	William Payne	3rd Equal - Long Jump
	1st Place 80 mtr Sprint		3rd Place - Discus
	1st Place - 100 mtr Sprint		3rd Place - High Jump
	1st Place 300 mtr Sprint		3rd Place - Shot Put
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>			3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
Eve Finlayson	3rd Place - 300 mtr Sprint		3rd Place 100 mtr Sprint
Jynaia Hewson	3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint		1st Equal - 300 mtr Sprint
	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint	<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	
	1st Place - High Jump	Connan Wiegersma	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
Mya Simes	2nd Place - High Jump		2nd Place - Long Jump
	2nd Place - Long Jump	Ben Rickey	3rd Equal - Long Jump

	1st Place - 80 mtr Sprint			3rd Place - High Jump
Year 6 Girls continued...			Year 6 Boys continued...	
	1st Place - 100 mtr Sprint			3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
Amy Sampson	3rd Place - High Jump			2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
	3rd Place - Long Jump			2nd Place - 300 mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - 80 mtr Sprint		<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	
	2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint		Cyrus Shortland - Griffin	3rd Place - Shot Put
	1st Place - Discus		GyuHan Lee	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
	1st Place - Shot Put		Conal Andersen	3rd Place - 200 mtr Sprint
	1st Place - 300 mtr Sprint			3rd Place - 400 mtr Sprint
<b>Year 7 Girls</b>			Lucas Payne	2nd Place - Long Jump
Anastasia Moore	3rd Place - Long Jump		Evan Meldrum-Greenwood	3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
	3rd Place - 200 mtr Sprint			2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
	3rd Place - 400 mtr Sprint		Joseph Jongkind	2nd Place - 200 mtr Sprint
Aimee Clemow	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint			2nd Place - 400 mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - High Jump		Brigham Lawrence	1st Place - Discus
Olivia Morgan	2nd Place - 200 mtr Sprint		Elijah Laurenson	3rd Place - Long Jump
	2nd Place - 400 mtr Sprint			2nd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
Maddison Fred	3rd Place - Discus			1st Place - High Jump
	2nd Place - Shot Put		<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	
	2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint		Hunter Reid	2nd Place - 200 mtr Sprints
Emily Darroch	2nd Place - Discus		Jayden Oppert	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
	1st Place - High Jump			2nd Place - Discus
	1st Place - Long Jump			2nd Place - Long Jump
	1st Place - 80 mtr Sprint			2nd Place - Shot Put
	1st Place - 100 mtr Sprint		Toby Murfitt	3rd Place - 400 mtr Sprint
	1st Place - 400 mtr Sprint			1st Place - 200 mtr Sprint
<b>Year 8 Girls</b>			Tyrone Fred	2nd Place - 80 mtr Sprint
JunHee Kwon	3rd Equal - High Jump			1st Place - Shot Put
	3rd Place - 100 mtr Sprint			1st Place - 100 mtr Sprint
Aimee Whalen	3rd Place - Shot Put			1st Place - 400 mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - Discus		Jayden Attwood	2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint
Grace Wiegersma	3rd Place - 200 mtr Sprint			2nd Place - 400 mtr Sprint
	2nd Place - 100 mtr Sprint			1st Place - High Jump
	1st Place - Long Jump			1st Place - Long Jump
	1st Place - 400 mtr Sprint			1st Place - 80 mtr Sprint
Elizabeth Townley	3rd Place - Long Jump			
	3rd Place - 80 mtr Sprint			
	3rd Place - 400 mtr Sprint			
	2nd Place - 200 mtr Sprint			
	1st Place - High Jump			
	1st Place - 100 mtr Sprint			